

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2, 5-7, and 9-10 are pending in the instant application. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action.

THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 1-2, 5-7, and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

Applicants have amended claims 1-2, 5-7, and 9-10 to expedite prosecution of the current application as well as to remove any indefiniteness in the claim language.

Additionally, claims 1-2 and 6-7 are deemed vague and indefinite by the Examiner because it is unclear what exactly the “linker” structure is. Applicants respectfully refer the Examiner to pages 4-5 of the specification. Applicants set forth on these pages a clear and concise definition of the term ‘linker’ and present various examples as well. All other rejections/objections made by the Examiner have been provided within the claim amendments above. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections of claims 1-2, 5-7, and 9-10 be withdrawn.

THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed recitation of a use, without setting forth any steps involved in the process, results in an improper definition of a process. Applicants have respectfully amended claim 5 to overcome this rejection by setting forth the steps involved in the process. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection of claim 5 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks herein, Applicants believe that each ground for rejection or objection made in the present application has been successfully overcome or obviated, and that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections and objections, and allowance of the current application and claims 1-2, 5-7, and 9-10 are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in order to resolve any issues that might arise and to promote the efficient examination of the current application.

Respectfully submitted,

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